GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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FEES IN CONSUMER COURTS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to levy a heavy fees for approaching the consumer courts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) & (b): The Government has prescribed nominal fees for filing of complaints before the Consumer Forums by the complainants. The fees have been prescribed primarily to discourage filing of frivolous/vexatious and inflated complaints in the beginning itself to save the valuable time of the Consumer Forums. The details of the fees prescribed are as under;

Serial Number	Total value of goods or services and the compensation claimed	Amount of fee payable
	District Forum	
1.	Upto one lakh Rupees – For complainants who are under the Below Poverty Line holding Antyodaya Anna Yojana cards.	Nil
2.	Upto one lakh Rupees – For complainants other than Antyodaya Anna Yojana card holders.	Rs.100
3.	Above one lakh and upto five lakh Rupees	Rs.200
4.	Above five lakh and upto ten lakh Rupees	Rs.400
5.	Above ten lakh and upto twenty lakh Rupees	Rs.500
	State Commission	
6.	Above twenty lakh and upto fifty lakh Rupees	Rs.2000

7. Above fifty lakh and upto one crore Rs.4000 Rupees

National Commission

8. Above one crore Rupees Rs.5000